

Minutes of the January 16, 2008, California Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Pfannenstiel.

Present:

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Chairman
Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Commissioner
John L. Geesman, Commissioner
Jeffrey D. Byron, Commissioner

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.)
 - a. AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENT ECONOMY. Possible approval of \$4,999 to co-sponsor the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy's Forum for Energy Efficiency in Agriculture. (ERPA funding.) Contact: E. V. (Al) Garcia.

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

2. STARWOOD-MIDWAY POWER PLANT PROJECT (06-AFC-10). Possible adoption of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision, and Errata, for the Starwood – Midway Power Plant Project. Contact: Garret Shean. (30 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the Proposed Decision and Errata. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

3. RAND CORPORATION. Possible approval of Contract 400-07-022 for \$200,000 with RAND Corporation for *Demonstrating Computer-Assisted Techniques for Developing Robust Strategies*. RAND will conduct a joint consultant/staff study demonstrating the potential and usefulness of two new analytical computer tools (Exploratory Modeling (xM) and Robust Decisionmaking) that evaluate the combination of electricity sector policy options that can meet AB 32 goals and facilitate cross-functional collaboration and communication. (ERPA funding.) Contact: Ross Miller. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract 400-07-022. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

4. HESCHONG MAHONE GROUP, INC. Possible approval of Amendment 2 to Contract 400-05-021 with Heschong Mahone Group, Inc., adding \$35,000 and a one-year time extension. The contractor will complete surveys of appliances sold on-line and in wholesale and retail outlets; complete the survey of non-California appliance standard enforcement activities; and provide strategies best suited for the California Appliance Program. (ERPA funding.) Contact: Tovah Ealey. (5 minutes)

Item 4 was moved to the January 30, 2008, Business Meeting agenda.

5. Minutes

Approval of the January 2, 2008, Business Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

6. Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion

Resolutions were read honoring Hearing Advisers Susan Gefter, Garret Shean, and Stan Valkosky, who have retired, and commending Santa Clara University for its participation in the 2007 U. S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon.

7. Chief Counsel's Report

Chief Counsel Bill Chamberlain requested a closed session to discuss litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e).

8. Executive Director's Report – None

9. Legislative Director's Report – Legislative Director Mike Smith gave the report.

10. Public Adviser's Report – None

11. Public Comment

Ms. Jane Luckhardt, Downey Brand LLP
Mr. Jan Smutny-Jones, Independent Energy Producers
Mr. Scott Galati, Galati & Blek
Mr. Manuel Alvarez, Southern California Edison
Ms. Kathy Treleven, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Appearances:

Mr. Allan J. Thompson, Attorney

Mr. Richard Weiss, Starwood Energy Group

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN
Secretary to the Commission